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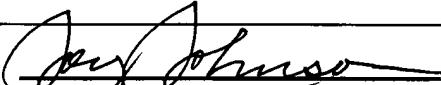
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Title:	MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES TO TACROLIMUS AND IMMUNOASSAY METHODS FOR TACROLIMUS		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Gentlemen:

In response to the Office Action of March 7, 2001 (Paper No. 6), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

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11. (Once amended) A monoclonal antibody to tacrolimus produced by a hybridoma produced by fusion of antibody-producing cells from an antibody-producing mammal immunized with tacrolimus derivatized with a carboxymethyl oxime moiety at carbon atom 22 conjugated to a high molecular weight protein with a suitable fusion partner, that has a binding